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## Umatilla National Forest goes to Public Use Restrictions Phase B

**PENDLETON, Ore. (August 23, 2024)** — The Umatilla National Forest officials will return to Phase B Public Use Restrictions at 12:01 a.m. (pacific time) on Monday, August 26, due to reduced fire danger, the potential for human-caused fires, and concern for public safety. The restrictions pertain to the use of campfires, smoking, chainsaws, internal combustion engines, and generators.

Beginning August 26, 2024, campfires will **ONLY** be allowed in designated campgrounds and recreation sites. Liquefied or bottled gas stoves and heaters are allowed for cooking and heating. A list of designated recreation sites is available on the forest website.

Operating an internal combustion engine, such as a chainsaw, is prohibited without a valid permit. Commercial and personal use firewood permits are regulated by the conditions of the permit and separate from restrictions under this public use restriction.

Generators will only be allowed in the center of an area at least 5 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material, or when fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is devoid of all flammable material, or when factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is located in the center of an area at least 5 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.

Smoking is only allowed within enclosed vehicles, buildings, and developed recreation sites or when stopped in an area three feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.

As a reminder: No off-road vehicle travel is allowed: Possessing or using a motor vehicle off National Forest roads and motorized trails is prohibited, except for the purpose of going to and from a dispersed campsite located within 300 feet of the open developed road. Motorized travel on roads not cleared of standing grass or other flammable material, closed by gates, barricades, berms, rocks, or logs is prohibited.

Regulated closures may be in effect on State and private lands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) in northeast and central Oregon. Please check with your local Oregon Department of Forestry office for

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PURs on lands protected by ODF. For more complete information, contact a local Oregon Department of Forestry office or visit one of the interagency dispatch center's webpages:

- Blue Mountain Interagency Dispatch webpage: [www.bmidc.org](http://www.bmidc.org)
- John Day Interagency Dispatch Center: <http://bicc-jdidc.org/jdidc/intelreport.shtml>

Similar restrictions may also be in effect on State and private lands protected by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WA-DNR). More information can be found on the WA-DNR website at: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/>.

Fire Restrictions may also be implemented on areas managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Vale District. More information can be found on the BLM website at: [www.blm.gov/office/vale-district-office](http://www.blm.gov/office/vale-district-office).

Please remember that it is everyone's responsibility to know what restrictions are in place when visiting public lands. Additional restrictions may apply on each individual Forest. For more information regarding restrictions on the Umatilla National Forest, please contact:

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